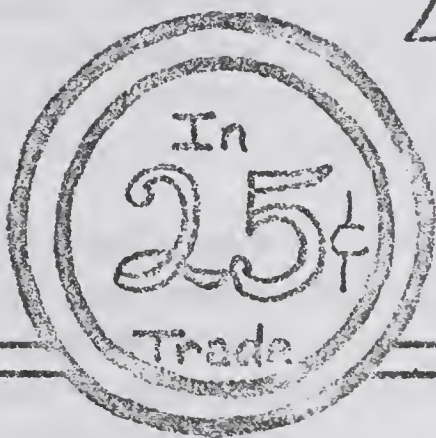


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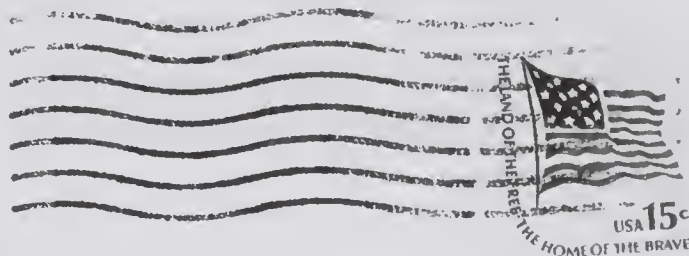
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Invite your friends to join the Michigan
Token and Medal Society.

Next Issue

October 1980

Please send your copy, comments, ads,
etc. as early as possible so that we can
plan accordingly.

Collecting Interest

Norman Petersen - Michigan Tokens -
especiall Centennial

Alice Penzes - Elongated coins, wooden money,,
Canadian coins, owl figurines,
Detroit Tiger items

Steve Penzes - Wooden money, elongated coins,
dog tags, Michigan script,
ration tokens

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Dennis sends us his research on Michigan
Civil War Tokens. Thanks Dennis, you do a
beautiful job.

Clare Centennial

Clare had their Centennial last year. They had
a very beautiful token - cost \$3.00. They have
about 100 left. Total cost to purchase - \$270.
Contact - Larry Wyman, Stephenson-Wyman
Funeral Home, Clare, MI 48617.

I owe two people Clare Tokens. Please remind
me as I forgot who I owe them to.

MICHIGAN TAMS AUCTION

If interest warrants, we will have an auction in
October. Auction items needed - send lists
or individual items.

EXONUMIA Dealers

These people have as one of their specialities
a business in locating and selling tokens and
medals to collectors. I don't know all the
dealers but here are some names and we can
keep adding to the list. Perhaps one of these
people can help you find that elusive token you
desire.

Richard Hartzog
Bill Willeges
Paul Cunningham
Chester Clark
Marie Johnson
Walter Korzick
Rossa Tannebaum

May 15, 1980

Dear Collector:

In spite of our goofy economy, collectors and collecting go on. We want to take this opportunity to explain to you our plans for the near future.

Our next sale, number 35, is in preparation as you read this and should be available for distribution in June. We tentatively plan to feature merchant tokens, a large offering of scarce parking tokens, another large grouping of token dies, plus other tokens and medals, such as masonic pennies and military tokens. Included in this 35th sale will be the first part of the Bruce Smith Collection of Banking Paraphernalia featuring hundreds of bank tokens, bank postcards, old checks, broken bank notes, medals and perhaps a smattering of related items such as bank bags, coin scales, counterfeit detectors and other books on banking. This may well become the standard reference for pricing bank tokens in the 1980's. This large collection will be sold in two or three of our sales.

IMPORTANT! Future sale catalogs and prices realized will be sent only to paid subscribers by first class mail - no catalogs will be sent by bulk rate mail anymore. Single catalogs and prices realized afterwards will be \$1.50. Five sale subscriptions will be \$5.00. In the event that you are not satisfied with any catalog sent you, a refund on your subscription will be made promptly!

If you are interested only in the book list we offer, please specify that and receive a certificate good for one dollar. We are rapidly expanding our book list to include coins, paper money and other collectibles of various kinds, such as postcards, tin trays and dolls. Our next list will feature about 800 titles. Besides listing "sell" prices, we have published "buy" prices for most titles. We also give our attention to want lists for titles not on our lists.

A third feature of our next catalog will be a retail listing of food stamp tokens and paper script. Because these have not been in use since January of 1979, they have become the hottest new collecting area of our times! We shall offer a grouping of about 2500 different sets from virtually all the states and U.S. territories. This huge accumulation will no longer be auctioned but sold outright. Those collectors wishing this catalog of food stamp tokens may specify that and receive a refundable certificate for one dollar.

The 1980's promise to be significant times for collectors and collecting. If you want to share this with us let us know! Thanks!

Paul A. Cunningham

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

PLEASE SEND: _____ Next auction sale catalog and prices realized (\$1.50)
 _____ Book listing only (enclose \$1.00, refundable)
 _____ Food Stamp Token Retail Listing (Enclose \$1.00)
 _____ Next Five Sales and prices realized (Enclose \$5.00)
 Prices realized for sale _____ (Enclose SASE)
 _____ Information for consignors

SEND THIS FORM TO: Paul A. Cunningham, Box One, Tecumseh, MI 49286

The Blindbury Hotel

A store card of Blindbury's Hotel is listed in "U. S. Civil War Store Cards", by George and Melvin Fuld. The obverse of the card reads "Blindbury's / Hotel / Antisdel / & / Hills / Detroit, Mich. "listed as (Michigan) #225D.

One obverse and four reverse dies were used, and the eight varieties known as the result of combinations of these dies and the use of various metals and, in one case, a card was struck without a collar which resulted in a plain edge instead of the usual reeded edge. The rarity is given as 2 to 10 for the varieties, making it possible to rather easily obtain a specimen of this card.

John Blindbury was born February 22, 1806, in Lyon, New York. At the age of nineteen he came to Michigan and purchased eighty acres of land in Southfield, Oakland County, built a log cabin, and sent for his father's family (his mother had died when he was twelve years old, leaving a family of seven children). He worked "chopping" in the forsts at four dollars and a half per acre but soon went to the Black River Country and worked at lumbering. After about four years he returned to Southfield and purchased one hundred acres of wild land, erected a cabin, and began to clear the land for cultivation. He was married to Maria Rogers on December 2, 1831.

Poor health compelled him to leave the farm, and in 1837 he moved to Grand River road, eight miles out of Detroit, opened a small hotel, which proved successful as many immigrants were then entering the state. Nine years later he opened another inn, two miles nearer the city, which also was successful. He was politically active, holding many offices and in 1844 was elected Representative of Wayne County in the State Legislature.

He sold the hotel in 1850 and in 1852 moved to Detroit and erected the Blindbury Hotel on the NE corner of Washington and Michigan Avenues. Poor health again compelled John Blindbury to retire and in 1863 the city directory lists Antisdel & Company as proprietors (A. R. Antisdel and B. C. Hills). It was during this period that the store cards were issued. Evidentially John Blindbury again took control of the hotel as the 1865-66 city directory shows John Blindbury as proprietor, with no directory mention anywhere of either A. R. Antisdel or B. C. Hills.

John Blindbury died March 1, 1867 and the 1867-68 city directory shows Maria Blindbury, widow of John, as boarding at Blindbury's Hotel. Later, William W. Antisdel became the proprietor, changing the name to Antisdel House.

The east side of the square on the north side of Michigan Avenue, between Washington Avenue and Rowland Street (now Shelby Street) was purchased in 1885 by Daniel Scotten, who erected a business building. This was converted into a hotel in 1887, named the Hotel Cadillac, and opened by Van Est & Graves in 1888. The west half of the square, on which stood the Antisdel House, was afterward purchased by Mr. Scotten and an addition to the Hotel Cadillac erected. The entire fronting on Michigan Avenue was occupied by that hotel in 1891 and after several changes in the name is now known as the Book-Cadillac Hotel.

X. O. Numian

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Marshall Sesquicentennial Coins on Sale

Coins comemrating Marshall's July 4-6 sesquicentennial observance now are on sale at the Bank of Marshall and its downtown branch.

The coins, designed with the sesquicentennial tree symbol, are available in antiqued bronze for \$1.00—oxidized silver for \$2.00 and a few containing a full ounce of silver at \$40 each.

The bank is underwriting the coin program as a public service. All proceeds from the sale are being donated to the Sesquicentennial Committee.

Among the celebration's major events are the July 4 parade, the July 5 downtown festival and the July 6 barbeque.

After the parade at noon, which already has 26 entries, there will be a community picnic at the Calhoun County Fairground and a concert by the 5th Michigan Regiment Band.

The downtown festival from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., July 5, will be held on Michigan Avenue between the Fountain Circle and Marshall Avenue.

The chicken barbeque begins at 11:30 A.M. at the Fountain Circle. It will precede the Chamber of Commerce Retail Activities.

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WANTED TO BUY - For Collection or Trade - Larry Eastley

Michigan Civil War Tokens

Chelsea 175A - Congden Bros. Grocer

Mason 615 - Phelps Hardward

Brighton 85B - William Cobb

Charlotte 160D - C. Payne Grocer

Detroit

225 AA - Farmers Clothing Store

225AQ - Edward Kanter Grocer

225 AV - Martin Shoes

225 AW - Marx Grocery

225 BB - Parker Hides

225 BE - Pond Grocer

225 BF - Prouty Grocer

225 BL - Rose - Dr.

225 BM - Rosenberger Clothing

225 BP - Sealy Butcher

225 BR - Shagana Grocer

225 BS - Smith Books

225 CE - Tea Store

225 CS - Turner Hubbell Boots

225 CH - Tyler Boots

225 CK - Weber Furniture

225 CD - Wing Grocery

Have 150 duplicate Civil War To Trade - also wanted - Copper Country Tokens

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THANKS TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS. KEEP THE ITEMS COMING!

1047A-DIE - THE 1864 ON MICHIGAN 250C-5A DIES

Abbreviations used: CHI-Childs GLE-Geeson HTG-Higgins LAN-Lanphear
SCO-Scovill SIG-Sigel STA-Stanton UNK-Unknown

3A-SCO	5A-GLE	5B-F-CHI	25A-SCO	25B-CHI
35A-CHI	40A-B-SIG	40C-CHI	40D-SCO	40E-CHI
45A-STA	IND250A-1-HTG	IND250A2-5CHI	60A-B-GLE	60C-CHI
65A-CHI	85A-C-STA	90A-CHI	135A-HTG	160A-F-LAN
175A-GLE	180A-B-STA	185A-CHI	190A-SCO	200A-B-CHI
225A-H-STA	225I-UNK(WK or JP)		225J-LA-STA	225K-SCO
225O-AC-STA	225AD-SCO	225AE-AJA-STA	225AK-CHI	225AL-BI-STA
225BT-UNK	225BU-BX-STA	225BY-SCO	225BZ-OG-STA	225CH-SCO???
225CI-SCO	225CJ-STA	CHI175A-STA	225CK-CS-STA	250A-B-CHI
250C1-4-CHI	250C5-STA	250D-F-CHI	280A-CHI	280B-STA
280C-CHI	280D-STA	280E-CHI	280F-STA	280G-CHI
300A-F-LAN	320A-SCO	320B-CHI	360A-CHI	360B-1-LAN
360B-2-CHI	360C-CHI	370A-CHI	370B-LAN	370C-SCO???
370D-SCO	370E-G-CHI	370H-SCO	370I-CHI	370J-H-SCO
370L-CHI	440A-CHI	450A-D-GLE	450E-CHI	450F-J-GLE
450K-CHI	450L1-3-CHI	450L4-GLE	450M-N-GLE	450O-CHI
480A-B-GLE	480C-CHI	480D-G-GLE	495A-SCO	495B-CHI
525A-B-CHI	525C1-8-LAN	525C9-11-CHI	525D-LAN	527A-F-GLE
530A-F-CHI	530G-STA	530H-CHI	560A-F-LAN	565A-STA
570A-CHI	577A-GLE	580A-B-CHI	587A-CHI	587B-C-LAN
588A-LAN	595A-CHI	610A-B-CHI	610C-STA	615A-STA
660A-GLE	660B-CHI	680A-STA	700A-B-CHI	700C1-2-CHI
700C3-4-STA	700D-E-CHI	735A,B-LAN	740A-SCO	745A-B-CHI
745C-HTG	745D-CHI	770A-CHI	770B-C-SCO	845A-B-CHI
855A-CHI	865A-UNK	900A-B-CHI	915A-1-LAN	915A-2-CHI
920A-LAN	920B-C-CHI	920D1-2-CHI	920D3-LAN	960A-B-CHI

1047 DIE: One of the few 1864-dated indian head dies. Its usage in Michigan is restricted to P9 or R10, struck in either copper or copper-nickel. Every single Michigan merchant that John Stanton of Cincinnati struck has the 1047 as a die variety. (A R9 Stanton muling, 250C-5a, with a Childs obverse is not considered a Stanton merchant.) Could this be a collector's custom set or perhaps a salesman's sample?

SCOVILL MANUFACTURING CO.-This Waterbury, Connecticut diesinking firm produced all the R2 and many of the R3 Michigan tokens. I suspect that their initial order quantity was much higher than other firms. Much of their die work is metallic art at its best (3A,370J,770C). They customized stock dies for individual merchants,i.e., the mortar and pestle (40D,320A,740A).

Comments, corrections and additions welcome.

DENNIS WIERZBA, 2851 MAYFAIR DRIVE, TROY, MICHIGAN 48064

June 11, 1980

MICHIGAN TOKEN AND MEDAL SOCIETY -- SUMMER PICNIC

Go to Clinton, Michigan on US-12, go north at main 4 corners, watch signs

To all Mich-TAMS Members and Friends,

Sunday, July 27, is our date --- as usual. Chances have been made and we are elated. We had almost "signed on the dotted line" to hold our summer affair elsewhere when the 'phone call came in from Paul Cunningham. WE CAN GO TO MARIE AND BILL JOHNSON'S FARM AGAIN, after all. This will be our 10th time. I shall ask our Junk Box Editor, Larry Eastley, to include this information but in case our timing doesn't jibe, I shall mail this copy directly to as many members as I have addresses for, a hundred or so, and shall ask Susan Cunningham, our Treasurer, who has addresses of a dozen or so newer members to mail those and ask YOU to pass the word on to any you know who might be missed.

The big change this year is that we shall not expect Marie to prepare a big picnic dinner as in other years. Instead, we shall not take up a collection from anyone setting up a trader's table, nor those coming to trade, but shall ask YOU to bring a big dish to pass for an old-fashioned potluck. This can be a meat casserole, a vegetable or fruit salad, a cake, special sandwiches, or whatever -- plus your own dishes and silverware. Don't bother with beverage. A committee will have coffee, tea, lemonade or whatever.

If you wish to set up at a trader's table please bring a card table or two of your own. Paul Cunningham is making tables for us, for our Mich-TAMS but in case not enough are ready you may need your own. A maybe a folding chair.


We shall have exhibits and recognition of them. If you collect exnumia of your town, OPA tokens, space medals, odd-shaped trade good-fors, trade script or John K Polk politicals -- show us. Bring a case or more of exhibits and they will be judged competitively even if only two show up. We would prefer 8 or 10. Under the hot sun it is sometimes necessary to prop open the lid of a case to let the air in -- maybe an inch or two.

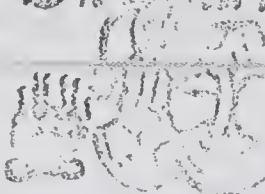
At this picnic we shall ask for nominations for officers of Mich-TAMS for our election at the MSNS Convention in Dearborn in November. We have no minutes of our meeting in Kalamazoo in April to send to our secretary Alice Penzes as no formal meeting was called. Alice and Steve came on Saturday but could not stay for Sunday and many who were there Sunday had tables on the brouse floor. Our meeting room was open, we had a trading session among Jim Curto, his son Fred, Ed Bawden, our member #495 from Ontario, Arthur Leff and myself. Mr. Leff had a beautiful exhibit of medals at this MSNS show. A young boy with his parents did come to the meeting room with tokens to have identified, including Cracker Jack medals he had just acquired. A Kalamazoo young member of that club asked for help in identifying a copper cent-sized uniface token with "4 A.A." We are still trying. An early copper token shown to Jim Curto was said by Jim to be a Colombia farthing, so-called, and was considered the mystery token of the ages.


See you on July 27th - about 10:00 A.M.

ster Clark, President


If you are unhappy...


 Once upon a time, there was a non-conforming sparrow who decided not to fly south for the winter. However, soon the weather turned so cold that he reluctantly started to fly south. In a short time ice began to form on his wings and he fell to earth in a farmers barnyard, almost frozen.


 The farmers cow passed by and cringed on the little sparrow. The sparrow thought it was the end. ~~But, the manure~~ warmed him and defrosted his wings. Warm and happy, he started to sing.

 Just then the farmers cat hearing the chirping, investigated the sounds. The cat cleared away the manure, found the chirping bird and promptly ate him!

The Morale of the Story is:

 Everyone who shits on you is not necessarily your enemy.

 Everyone who gets you out of the shit is not necessarily your friend.

 And, if you're warm and happy in a pile of shit, keep your mouth shut.